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HARTFORD GOES GREEN BY SAVING GREEN **NEW ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARD SET FOR SCHOOLS**

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(October 27, 2009) --- Mayor Eddie A. Perez today announced that the City of Hartford saved \$47,000 over five months thanks to an energy saving process installed at the Noah Webster MicroSociety Magnet School. By using Retro-Commissioning, students and staff at the West End school have helped to redefine what it means to be an energy efficient school in the City of Hartford.

Retro-Commissioning is the process of reviewing the design and operation of the lighting, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system. Adjustments are made to optimize the systems' operation.

At Noah Webster, this resulted in a 40% reduction in energy usage. From April to September of 2009, the school used 2152 fewer kilowatt-hours per day than during the same time period the previous year.

"The high cost of energy challenges families, businesses and government at all levels. These kinds of savings in more schools and public buildings will help Hartford meet its financial goals in these tough economic times," says Mayor Perez.

Thanks to this initial success, the City of Hartford has expanded the Retro-Commissioning program to three more schools: Alfred E. Burr Elementary School, Dr. James H. Naylor School, and Sarah J. Rawson School. Meantime, energy usage at Noah Webster will continue to be tracked and monitored to ensure that the savings continue to accrue.

Today's announcement is in observance of Energy Awareness Month.